



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

Vendor: The Chicago Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Legal Advice Desk Services for Eviction Court Defendants

Original Contract Period: 9/1/2014-8/31/2017 with two (2) one-year renewals

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 9/1/2019-8/31/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$815,583.59

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): 5/21/2014, \$477,402.50

Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s): 6/7/2017, 9/1/2017-8/31/2018, \$168,478.50 and 7/25/2018, 9/1/2018-8/31/2019, \$169,702.59

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$173,702.50

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$43,426, FY 2020 \$130,276.50

Accounts: 11100.1310.33790.520830.00000.00000

Contract Number(s): 1353-13117

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via full MWBE waiver.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: This increase and extension will allow the Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) to continue management of the Circuit Court's First Municipal District Legal Advice Desk, while a Request for Proposal is completed. The Advice Desk is located on the concourse level of the Richard J. Daley Center.

CBF oversees and coordinates volunteer lawyers who, in conjunction with court staff, help litigants find available legal assistance for cases pending in the First Municipal District, which mostly involve eviction, torts and consumer debt. The CBF works with two local legal aid organizations to link litigants without lawyers to pro bono legal assistance: Coordinated Advice & Referral Programs for Legal Services and Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc. Assistance includes in-court representation in appropriate matters. In 2018, the advice desk delivered service to more than 4,900 defendants.

This contract was awarded through Request for Proposals (RFP) procedures in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. CBF was selected based on established evaluation criteria.